

COMMUNICATIONS

CREATIVE WRITING



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Name _____

County _____ Project Level _____

Circle the type of writing

- **Short Story**– A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot and characters. Submit one story, maximum length –2,000 words.
- **Essay**– A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length –500 words.
- **Feature Story** -- Nonfiction human-interest story judged on interest to readers, writing style, readability, and thoroughness of coverage. Submit one story, maximum length –1,000 words.

JUDGES: Please identify a numerical score on a scale of 1-10 for each element on the sheet.

Judging Criteria	SCORE 1= needs improvement 10= exceeds criteria
Project Knowledge for all divisions	
• Creative title conveys essence of content	
• Content: appeals to readers	
• Content: proper grammar, spelling	
• Content: engaging writing style & readability	
Short Story: Fiction	<i>(score only if applicable)</i>
• Creative development of character	
• Creative development of theme and plot	
• Effective use of literary techniques, such as sequencing, symbolism, transitions, etc.	
Essay: Nonfiction	<i>(score only if applicable)</i>
• Creative development of theme	
• Convincing debate/discussion of topic	
• Clear organization and conclusion	
Feature: Nonfiction	<i>(score only if applicable)</i>
• Interesting human-interest topic	
• Fully developed content which tells a story	
• Clear organization and conclusion	
Explanation of Project Exhibit	
• Goal of project exhibit	
• Ability to explain decisions made or results shown	
• Self-evaluation of project, including time spent on project area	
• Skills learned and plans for continued study	
Exhibit Presentation	
• Neat appearance	
• Follows exhibit requirements	
• Presents information in interesting way	
TOTAL SCORE <i>(Points possible:140)</i>	

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COMMENTS

AWARD RECEIVED *(if applicable)*